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APPARATUS AND DATA RECORDING METHOD

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of April 1, 2009, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on July 1, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the Final Official Action, in view of the herein-contained remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.